

Fresno Unified School District
Board Communication

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From the Office of the Superintendent
To the Members of the Board of Education
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Cabinet Approval:

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Regarding:  Hanover Designated Schools Evaluation

The purpose of this communication is to provide the Board with information regarding our evaluation of Designated Schools. We have contracted with Hanover, an external research firm, to conduct an evaluation of Fresno Unified's Designated Schools program. This program evaluation will support our district in better understanding the impacts, strengths, challenges, and areas for improvement in our Designated Schools. Hanover is taking a multi-method approach to this evaluation that involves gathering and analyzing the following quantitative and qualitative data:

- Designated Schools Stakeholder Perceptions Survey – The survey will aim to capture perceptions of a variety of stakeholders (e.g. students in Grades 4-6, administrators, classroom teachers, and parents) regarding the effectiveness of Designated Schools
- Academic Outcomes Analysis – Hanover will conduct a quantitative analysis to assess the academic outcomes across all students throughout the district to compare longitudinal results across school sites.
- Benchmarking Analysis – Hanover will conduct a quantitative analysis to assess student performance on benchmark assessments across school sites.
- Designated Schools Teacher Retention Analysis – Hanover will conduct a quantitative analysis to assess teacher retention at Designated School sites.
- Focus Groups – Focus groups will be conducted with parents and staff to further explore the most common themes that emerge from the Stakeholder Perceptions Survey.

Following the completion of the previously described studies, Hanover will culminate the research sequence with a capstone-style report to synthesize the findings across school sites. Please see the Hanover Designated Schools Evaluation Detailed Timeline 2020/21, also included.

If you have further questions or require additional information, please contact Lindsay Sanders at 457-3471.

Approved by Superintendent
Robert G. Nelson Ed.D.



Date: 10/16/2020

Hanover Designated Schools Evaluation Detailed Timeline 2020/21

